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platform processor if a predetermined number of interrupts per unit time is met or exceeded.

- 16. (Original) The method of claim 11, wherein said moderating comprises deferring said one or more interrupts until a particular number of fragments of electronic data of a particular type are received.
- 17. (Original) The method of claim 11, wherein said moderating comprises deferring said one or more interrupts until a particular quantity of electronic data is received.
- 18. (Original) The method of claim 11, wherein said moderating is configurable through a user interface.
- 19. (Original) The method of claim 11, and further comprising:

measuring a particular period of time after the receipt of a fragment of electronic data; and

performing said moderating after said particular period of time has elapsed.

20. (Currently Amended) An article comprising:

a storage medium;

said storage medium having stored thereon instructions, that when executed by a computing platform, result in execution of a method

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of processing latency sensitive electronic data comprising:

receiving a fragment of electronic data from a node on a network;

determining characteristics of the fragment of electronic data;

examining the fragment of electronic data; and

on an associated computing platform processor if the characteristics

of the fragment of electronic data indicate that the fragment of

electronic data is comprises latency-sensitive data.

- 21. (Previously Presented) The article of claim 20, wherein said latencysensitive data comprises an acknowledgement (ACK).
- 22. (Previously Presented) The article of claim 20, wherein said latencysensitive data comprises one or more data packets that have a priority designation.
- (Original) The article of claim 20, wherein said moderating comprises substantially immediately interrupting said associated computing platform processor.
- 24. (Original) The article of claim 20, wherein said moderating comprises deferring said interrupting of said associated computing platform processor.

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- 25. (Original) The article of claim 20, wherein said moderating comprises deferring said one or more interrupts until a particular number of fragments of electronic data of a particular type are received.
- 26. (Original) The article of claim 20, wherein said moderating comprises deferring said one or more interrupts until a particular quantity of electronic data is received.
- 27. (Original) The article of claim 20, wherein said moderating is configurable through a user interface.
- (Original) The article of claim 20, and further comprising:

measuring a particular period of time after the receipt of a fragment of electronic data: and

performing said moderating after said particular period of time has elapsed.

(Currently Amended) An apparatus comprising:

an input-output (I/O) being operative to:

receive a fragment of electronic data from a node on a network;

determine characteristics of the fragment of electronic data;

examine the fragment of electronic data; and

- moderate one or more interrupts to a processor of an interrupt scheme on an associated computing platform processor if the characteristics of the fragment of electronic data indicate that the fragment of electronic data is comprises latency-sensitive data.
- 30. (Previously Presented) The apparatus of claim 29, wherein one of the one or more characteristics of the fragment of electronic data comprises packet type.
- (Previously Presented) The apparatus of claim 30, wherein said packet 31. type comprises an ACK (acknowledgement) packet.